



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, Respiratory Care Practitioners across Idaho will celebrate Respiratory Care Week; and

WHEREAS, Respiratory Care Practitioners are well educated and highly trained health professionals committed to providing the highest quality patient care; and

WHEREAS, Respiratory Care Practitioners work in all arenas of health care from the emergency room, critical care units, medical and surgical units, diagnostics, skilled nursing facilities and home health care; and

WHEREAS, respiratory care is an honorable profession, and is vital to sustaining high standards of health care; and

WHEREAS, the number of people affected by chronic lung disease is staggering and costs Idahoan's millions annually in medical costs, hospitalization and physicians visits; and

WHEREAS, Respiratory Care Practitioners endeavor to educate the public in prevention and early detection of lung disease and encourage family physicians to utilize early screening; and

WHEREAS, both state and national observances of this week will focus on increasing public awareness and importance of early detection of chronic lung disease;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim October 20 through 26, 2002, to be

RESPIRATORY CARE WEEK

in Idaho.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this thirteenth day of August in the year of our Lord two-thousand and two and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-seventh and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred thirteenth.

A handwritten signature of Dirk Kempthorne in black ink.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature of Pete T. Cenarrusa in black ink.

PETE T. CENARRUSA
SECRETARY OF STATE